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TO: Airport Tenants

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RE: Milestone Achieved!

I am proud to announce that our Airport team has achieved its next major milestone: the landing aircraft weight on the long runway, Runway 31L/13R has been increased to 130,000 lbs. single tandem axle aircraft. The Airport has now issued a new NOTAM raising the weight restriction to 130,000 pounds, and **the first Boeing plane flown from Renton to KCIA has just landed!**

The reduced runway length will remain in effect. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK NOTAMS FOR EXACT (CHANGING) DETAILS.

This increase in landing weight has been done following extensive testing of the runway's strength, first using ground penetrating radar and next by using a falling weight deflectometer. The area tested was the 4700 feet of pavement on Runway 31L/13R that was previously opened, in order to assure that the pavement would sustain landing of aircraft of that size.

Please be advised that the displaced threshold area of 800 feet has not been tested and we are not able to confirm its suitability for heavy aircraft landing operations.

Also, we are pleased to announce that the injection process for filling the cracks on the long runway will begin tomorrow, leading us toward our next milestone of having 6000 feet of usable pavement within about 2-1/2 weeks.

Please continue to leave your questions and concerns with our receptionists at 206-296-7380, or you may e-mail me at cynthia.stewart@metrokc.gov, and we will continue to send out updates to answer your questions as we can.

Thank you again for your patience and good will throughout this difficult time.

